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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE US POSITION TRANSMITTED REFTEL WITH THE FRG FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES. OFFICIALS IN BOTH MINISTRIES FELT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER WOULD SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSED LANGUAGE. HOWEVER, SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO WAS A SUBJECT IN WHICH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST, AND THE CHANCELLOR HIMSELF WOULD
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DETERMINE THE FRG'S POSITION. SINCE SCHMIDT IS

CONCERNED WHAT EFFECT A NATO GESTURE TOWARDS SPAIN MIGHT HAVE DOMESTICALLY IN GERMANY, THE FINAL FRG POSITION MIGHT THEN BE LESS FORTHCOMING THAN THE ONE GENSCHER AND LEBER WILL PROBABLY RECOMMEND TO THE CHANCELLOR.

2. OFFICIALS IN BOTH THE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE ANTI-SPANISH POSITION OF THE UK WAS GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE GIBRALTAR QUESTION. WHILE THE END OF THE EC REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN IN THE UK WILL ENABLE BRITAIN TO BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE ON MANY EUROPEAN ISSUES, THEY FELT THAT BECAUSE OF GIBRALTAR BRITISH OPPOSITION TOWARDS SPAIN WILL REMAIN VERY FIRM.

3. THE FONOFF EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECOND OF THE U.S. TALKING POINTS. MANY OF OUR NATO ALLIES SIMPLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT BRINGING SPAIN CLOSER TO NATO WILL HELP IT TO FOLLOW A STABLE, MODERATE COURSE AFTER FRANCO DEPARTS THE SCENE. TO THE CONTRARY, THEY BELIEVE THAT ANY GESTURE TOWARDS SPAIN NOW WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE THE MOST CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES AROUND FRANCO. THE FRG FONOFF SUGGESTS THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER BE PREPARED TO DEBATE THIS POINT AT SOME LENGTH.
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